AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please correct paragraph [0005] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0005]   A method for registering potential visitors of inmates, comprising: receiving a visitation request from an inmate, sending a registration request based upon the received visitation request; receiving registration information based upon the sent registration request; determining whether the visitation request from the inmate is approved or disapproved; and communicating the approval or disapproval of the visitation request.

Please correct paragraph [0026] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0026]   Upon receiving the visitor registration information, the visitor registration module 110 assembles the visitor registration information and performs one or more of an automated analysis or provides the specifics regarding the visitor registration and/or historical information to, for example, a department of corrections official. This information can be analyzed to, for example, determine how many times a visitor has visited this particular inmate, the dates of those visits, or any other information that may be relevant in determining whether the potential visitor should be granted visitation access to the inmate. This visitor registration information, along with all other information used by the visitation system, can be used and shared, for example, throughout one or more interconnected visitation systems and can be accessed by and edited by, for example, authorized entities.

Please correct paragraph [0037] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0037]   In particular, Fig. 2 illustrates an exemplary inmate visitation interface that allows an inmate to add a potential visitor to their "address book." In particular, to add a potential visitor to the inmate's "address book", the inmate, either directly or via an assistant, such as a department of corrections official, enters the inmate identifier 2010. Provided the inmate associated with the inmate identifier 2010 has visitation privileges, the visitor registration module 110 prompts the user for, for example, the information to populate visitor fields 2020. This information can include, for example, the visitor's phone, the visitors relationship to the inmate, the first name, middle initial and last name of the visitor, a name suffix (if applicable), zip code, address, social security number, legal guardian, date of birth, or the like. Alternatively, and not shown, upon entering the visitor(s) phone or other appropriate identifier, the visitor registration module 110 can pre-populate the visitor information portion 2020 based on pre-stored or previously registered visitor information. In addition, the add visitor interface 2000 provides a selectable portion 2030 that allows the visitor registration module 110 to submit and send the visitor notification immediately, or at a ~~latter~~ <u>later</u> time.

Please correct paragraph [0043] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0043]   In the event the potential visitor does not have access to the internet, the potential visitor can be giving instructions similar to the following example. In particular, the visitor registration module 110, cooperating with the web interface module 400 and IVR module 410

can call potential visitor and greet them with the following exemplary message:

> Welcome to <xyz Department of Correction's> visitation system. <inmate's name> has requested <visitor's name> be approved as a visitor at <institution name> a correctional facility for the state of <xyz>. To complete the registration process please call toll free <1-XXX-XXXX>, or access the web site ~~www.igotcaught.com~~ www.WEBADDREZZ.COM If you do not wish to be an approved visitor for <inmate name> please disregard this message or call toll free <1-XXX-XXXX> and follow the instructions to reject this request. Thank you and good bye.

Please correct paragraph [0044] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0044] While the ~~reminder~~ <u>remainder</u> of the discussion will be directed toward a user who interfaces with the invite system 100 via a visitor interface 300 over a network, such as the Internet, <u>it</u> is to be appreciated that comparable interaction with the invite system 100 can be performed with the cooperation of the web interface module 400 and IVR module 410.

Please correct paragraph [0046] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0046] Along with the notification of the visitation request and instructions on how to

register, the visitor registration module 110 can also provide the potential visitor with the

inmate's identification number. Thus, as discussed hereinafter, in conjunction with, for example,

the potential visitor's phone number and the potential visitor's relationship to the inmate, the

inmate's identification number can be used to verify the inmate has requested visitation by the

visitor.

Please correct paragraph [0052] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for

the original.

[0052]   In addition to the above, the invite system 100 can be adapted to allow multiple

visitations to an inmate within the same time slot. For example, the invite system can track the

maximum number of visitors allowed to see an inmate within a ~~giving~~ given time slot.

Furthermore, the invite system 100 can track a running count of the total number persons

scheduled for a visit by adding a number of visitors in each visitation. Additionally, the invite

system can communicate with one or more additional invite systems to share data that may

include[[,]] visitor information, visitation information, visitor status information, inmate status

information, or the like. Likewise, the invite system is capable of generating reports that are at

least capable of summarizing any aspect of the invite system including, but not limited to, visitor

information, visitation information, visitation tracking information, visitation duration

information, and the like. Furthermore, these reports can be used to enhance security by

allowing summaries of a particular inmate's activities or visitor's activities to be produced.

Similarly, profile information about a visitor such as relatives, friends, affiliations, or the like can

also be used and recalled by a department of corrections official to aid in determining if

visitation should be granted.

Please correct paragraph [0058] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for

the original.

[0058]   Fig. 9 illustrates an exemplary method of a potential visitor pre-registering with

the invite system. In particular, <u>control</u> begins in step S900 and continues to step S905. In step

S905, the inmate directly or indirectly supplies visitor(s) data. Next, in step S910, the

~~prospected~~ prospective visitor is informed of the visitation request and ~~giving~~ given instructions

on how to register. Then, in step S915, the potential visitor pre-registers. Control then continues

to step S920.

     Please correct paragraph [0059] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for

the original.

[0059]   In step S920, the visitor registration is analyzed <u>for</u> the number of determinations

made. In particular, in step S925, a determination is made whether the registration is approved.

If the registration is approved, an approval notification is sent to the visitor in step S930 and the

control sequence ends in step S935.

     Please correct paragraph [0062] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for

the original.

[0062]   Fig. 10 outlines an exemplary method of scheduling a visit. In particular, control

begins in step S1000 <u>and</u> continues to step S1005. In step S1005, the visitor access a visitation

scheduling system and logs-in in step S1010. Next, in step S1015, the visitor enters the

proposed visitation date. Then, in step S1020, a determination is made whether the inmate is

available. If the inmate is not available, control continues to step S1025 where the control

sequence ends. Otherwise, control continues to step S1030 where an available time slot is

chosen. Then control [[then]] continues to step S1035. In step S1035, the visitor(s) ~~supply~~

supplies registration information for all visitors. Next, in step S1040, the entered data is

validated and control continues to step S1045 where a determination is made whether all visitors

are allowed to visit the selected inmate. If all visitors are allowed to visit the selected inmate,

control continues to step S1050 where a scheduling confirmation number is provided to the

visitor(s). Control then continues to step S1055 where the control sequence ends.

Please correct paragraph [0063] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0063]   Alternatively, if a portion of the visitors are not allowed, control jumps to step

S1060 where a determination is made to proceed with the approved visitors. If the visitation

proceeds with the approved visitors, control continues to step S1075 where the visitor has the

option of ~~updated~~ updating the potential visitors, canceling the non-accepted visitors, and

accepting a confirmation number. Control then continues to step S1080.

Please correct paragraph [0066] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0066]   In particular, control begins in step S1100 and continues to Step ~~s1105~~S1105. In

step S1105, the visitor(s) arrive and in step S1110 the visitors check- in, for example, using the

"ticket" received upon completion of the registration. Next, in step S1115, a determination is

made if one or more of the visitors are a first time visitor. If one or more of the visitors are a

first time visitor control continues to step S1120 where a visit interview is performed. Next, in

step S1125, if the visit interview is acceptable, a department of corrections official updates the

visitor database in step S1185 and control continues to step S1190.

Please correct paragraph [0069] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0069]   If the suspension is to be reconsidered, control continues to step S1160 where a

determination is made whether to restore privileges to the suspended visitor. If privileges are to

be restored, control continues to step [[S1165]]S1175 where the visitor is sent a rescheduling

request and control continues to step S1180 where the control sequence ends. Alternatively, for

partial reinstatement of visitor privileges control continues to step S1165 where the suspension is

maintained, yet a rescheduling request is sent to the visitor to schedule another interview.

Control then continues to step S1170 where the control sequence ends.

Please correct paragraph [0072] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0072]   Furthermore, the disclosed method may be readily implemented in software using

an object or object-oriented software development environment that provides source code that

can be used on a variety of computer, server, or workstation hardware platforms. Alternatively,

the disclosed inmate visitor scheduling tool may be implemented partially or fully in hardware

using standard logic circuits or VLSI design. Whether software or hardware is used to

implement the systems in accordance with this invention is dependent on the speed and/or

efficiency requirements of the system, the particular function, and the particular software or

hardware systems or microprocessor or microcomputer and telecommunications systems being

utilized. The inmate visitor scheduling tool however, can be readily implemented in hardware

and/or software using any [[know]]<u>known</u> or later developed systems or structures, devices

and/or software by those of ordinary skill in the applicable art from the functional description

provided herein, and with a general basic knowledge of the computer and telecommunications

arts.

    Please correct paragraph [0074] by substituting the following corrected paragraph for the original.

[0074]   It is, therefore, apparent that there has been provided, in accordance with the

present invention, an inmate visitor scheduling tool. While this invention has been described in

conjunction with a number of illustrative embodiments, it is evident that many alternatives,

modifications, and variations would be or are apparent to those of ordinary skill in the applicable

arts. Accordingly, the disclosure is intended to embrace all such alternatives, modifications,

equivalents and variations that are within [[in]] the spirit and scope of this invention.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: